

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 12/05/2013

PRESENT: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Janice Pare, Ellen Callaway, Betsy Tinkham, Secretary Pete Howard

COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Ref 1): Charlotte provided a table and chart showing the tonnage for trash, recycling and yard waste for FY 08 through FY 14 based on the figures through October. The SMRF grant was received for \$1500.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY RECAP: Generally it went well. Number of cars: 458. Need a few more. More styrofoam than in spring. The electronics truck should be a little farther from the street to make room for 2 lines of TV drop-offs. Displaying no parking signs before the event might be needed

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Susan & Juli met with the CoC board. They enjoyed a warm reception. The board will email their members w/ info and a questionnaire about recycling. Board members were concerned with the request for names of non-recyclers along with review of the law so businesses will have the option of answering anonymously. Subcommittee plans to meet with the various business neighborhood associations so we reach as many businesses as possible.

ECO FEST PARTICIPATION: The theme will be Reduce, Recycle, Reuse. Planning meetings have begun. ARC will have a table. Ideas & volunteers needed. Gordon suggested a wheel or flip cards that would connect an item with means of disposing. Pete could show uses for empty gallon milk bottles. Ellen's photographic efforts may prove helpful as well.

KITCHEN WASTE COMPOSTING: A general discussion.

ARLINGTON LIST: Charlotte requested that responses posted by ARC (primarily Juli and Gordon) be mostly boilerplate and refer to the Town website (and related links) rather than directly answer.

ARLINGTON RECYCLES URL: Committee agreed no need to maintain this site. For several years it has linked directly to the Town site. Juli to inform Eric.

MEMBERSHIP: The co-chairs will request the Moderator appoint, reappoint and/or confirm Juli, Gordon, Pete, Ellen, Janice, Susan with suitable term extensions. (This was done the next day.) Gordon offered to facilitate getting an opinion from Town Council on Ellen's concern on possible limitations on use of her recycling photos.

PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING: Several grocery stores accept clean shopping bags. Whole Foods accepts some kinds of other plastic such as bread wrappers or dry cleaning bags. Can we publicize this program? Does Stop & Shop also take the film? Juli will look for a volunteer to pursue this issue and report back. Charlotte raised the related question: should the ARC put forward a warrant article to require larger stores like CVS or Walgreen's to also collect plastic bags for recycling?

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)

Collection Bin map

Survey of residents on ARC mailing list

MA-DEP Solid Waste Plan Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities - Topic closed.

Advocate/Patch Recycling Promotion Articles

Volunteer Opportunities

Bulk item collection

Mow leaves into lawn.

Maybe have a compost display in front of DPW.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Jan 9 (not Jan 2) continuing on 1st Thursday during following months

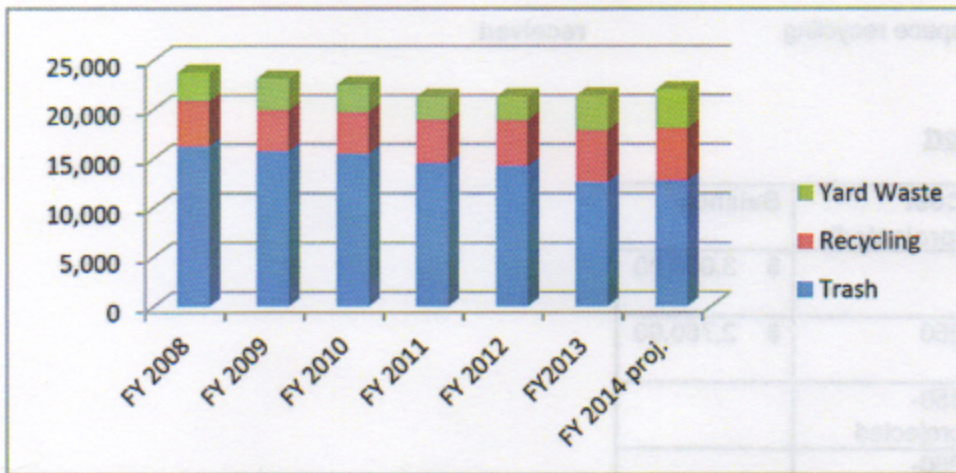
Ref 1 Tonnage Report

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Recycling Coordinator Report
December 5, 2013**

Ref 1

**Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by
Waste Category**

	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503
FY 2014 proj.	12,728	5,324	3,924



Oct-13

trash: 1,127 tons; recycling: 462 tons; yard waste 407 tons

Month	Date	Solid Waste
Jul.	8/1/2012	958.61
Aug.	8/31/2012	1,185.39
Sep.	9/30/2012	1,022.44
Oct.	10/31/2012	1,071.74
Nov.	11/30/2012	1,108.17
Dec.	12/31/2012	996.82
Jan.	1/31/2013	1,073.57
Feb.	2/28/2013	864.56
Mar.	3/31/2013	976.10
Apr.	4/30/2013	1,083.62
May	5/31/2013	1,147.96
Jun.	6/30/2013	1,113.49
Jul.	7/31/2013	1,126.20
Aug.	8/31/2013	1,068.52
Sep.	9/30/2013	1,041.60
Oct.	10/31/2013	1,127.00

MSW tons per household (22,607 hhds)	Progress: Solid waste tons per household
FY 2008	0.72
FY 2012	0.63
FY 2013	0.55

Mass MSW Master Plan Goals	Master plan tonnage goals	Per hh in tons
Arlington's baseline MSW	16,232 tons	0.72
30% reduction by 2020	10,875 tons	0.48
50% reduction by 2050	8,116 tons	0.36

DPW Updates

SMRF grant: \$1500 for public space recycling

received

ARC Expense Report

Date	Purchase	Cost (projected)	Balance
1-Jul-13	Starting balance		\$ 3,000.00
16-Nov-13	Foam Recycling	250	\$ 2,750.00
1-Mar-14	Trashformation prizes	150-projected	
1-May-14	Foam Recycling	250-projected	
Mar-14	discount on New Age composters		